

2023 TC 6.2 (MMM) Meeting Minutes

Venue: Room 512 in Pacifico Yokohama, Yokohama, Japan

Date: Tuesday, 11 July 2023

Time: 17:00 – 18:00 UTC+9 (local time, Yokohama)

1. Attendance and Apologies

Attendees: Chris Aldrich (Chair), Loutjie Coetzee, Ian Craig, Kevin Brooks, Jie Bao, Biao Huang, Derik le Roux, Zhongmei Li, Osamu Yamaguchi, Hiroshi Kitada, Lidia Auret, Kazuya Asamo, Morten Hovd, Jocelyn Bouchard, Kobus Oosthuizen

Online: Chunhua Yang, Didier Theilliol, Andreas Steinböck, Zhiwen Chen, Bei Sun, Francesco Cuzzola, Xiaoli Wang

TC Chair Chris Aldrich also received apologies from absent TC members, which are not listed in the minutes.

2. Approval of Agenda:

The agenda was approved without objection or amendment.

3. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes were approved following minor amendments.

4. IFAC World Congress, Japan, Status Report

- TC 6.2 participation in the IFAC World Congress in Yokohama was reviewed and members were encouraged to attend events still upcoming in the Congress.
- Hiroshi Kitada highlighted the invited session comprised of six presentations on current progress in control system technology in the metal processing industries.
- An open invited track with interactive sessions in automation and control in flotation organised by Kevin Brooks was well attended and attracted significant interest on Monday the 10th of July.

5. IFAC MMM Workshop 2024

The IFAC MMM Workshop 2024 to be held in Brisbane, Australia from 4-6 September was proposed and accepted. The workshop will be hosted by the University of Queensland in the Brisbane CBD.

As before, authors of papers accepted for presentation at the workshop will be invited to submit extended versions of their papers to a special edition of a selected IFAC journal.

6. IFAC MMM Symposium 2025

Hosting of the IFAC MMM Symposium to be held in 2025 was discussed and the TC Chair will have further discussion with representatives from potential host countries.

7. Open Discussion on TC activities

- Chris Aldrich reviewed the status of TC 6.2. With its 69 members (25 from industry and 6 female members) from 20 countries, TC 6.2 is well-connected to both academia and industry and has considerable expertise in the field of MMM.
- Jocelyn Bouchard provided a status report on the special issue of the Journal of Process Control, edited by him and Éric Poulin, Derik Le Roux, and Andreas Steinboeck, where extended versions of papers from IFAC MMM 2022 are published. 6 papers had already been published, and more were in the pipeline.
- Members were alerted to the IFAC's new Affiliates website (<https://affiliates.ifac-control.org/>) and encouraged to join as soon as possible, as this would among other be a requirement for continued TC 6.2 membership.
- Kevin Brooks (vice chair) and Derik le Roux (liaison social media) were congratulated with their new positions on the IFAC Technical Board.

8. Next meeting

It was decided to hold an interim online meeting later in the year in order to facilitate timely discussion on the progress of IFAC MMM 2024 and 2025. The annual meeting will be held in Brisbane on 5 September 2024.

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